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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: H. Nguyen
Yutaka TANAKA et al.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2851
Application No.: 09/897,930)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 1834
Filed: July 5, 2001)	
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For: PROCESSING APPARATUS FOR)	
PROCESSING SAMPLE IN	:	March 30, 2004
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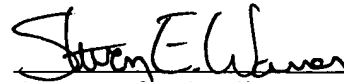
Sir:

Transmitted herewith is one (1) formal drawing sheet, Figure 7, to be substituted for the corresponding drawing sheet currently on file in the above-identified application.

Figure 7 incorporates the change requested by Applicants in a Request for Permission to Amend the Drawings filed on August 7, 2003, which was subsequently approved by the Examiner in the Notice of Allowability dated February 11, 2004.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven E. Warner", is written over a horizontal line.

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